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The Honorable Joel Beauvais
Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Deputy Assistant Administrator Beauvais:

On May 19, 2016 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a lifetime drinking water health advisory on Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctyl Sulfonate (PFOS). This advisory sets the recommended limits for PFOA and PFOS at 70 parts per trillion.

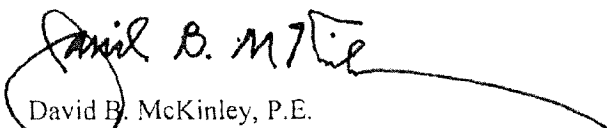
Following the EPA's announcement, the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health indicated that this new standard for PFOA and PFOS impacts the drinking water in three West Virginia communities: Vienna, Parkersburg, and Martinsburg. Furthermore, West Virginia issued a "Do Not Drink" recommendation for the City of Vienna while they conduct additional testing. As this letter is being drafted the people of Vienna do not have access to safe drinking water. There are likely to be more communities faced with this issue throughout the country.

Given the significant impacts this new standard has on the welfare of thousands of my constituents in West Virginia, I would like to get your answers on several questions;

1. What resources – financial or otherwise – does the EPA have to help the community of Vienna and other communities come into compliance?
2. How many water systems across the country does the EPA expect will be above the new health standards?
3. What outreach did EPA have with states and local communities to prepare them for this announcement?
4. What specific recommendations is your agency making on how to reduce the levels above the standard?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact Blake Deeley (blake.deeley@mail.house.gov) with any further questions or concerns about this inquiry.

Sincerely,


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